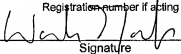


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) FY 2009 <i>(Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)</i>		Docket Number (Optional) D0188.70165US02	
Application Number 10/760,634-Conf. #8269		Filed January 20, 2004	
For APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PLACING SUTURE WIRES INTO TISSUE FOR THE APPROXIMATION AND TENSIONING OF TISSUE			
Art Unit 3734		Examiner D. D. Yabut	
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):			
		<u>Fee</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$130	\$65 \$ 130.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$490	\$245 \$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$1110	\$555 \$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1730	\$865 \$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2350	\$1175 \$
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. <input type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number <u>23/2825</u> . WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.			
I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor. <input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number <u>52,078</u> <input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 _____			
 _____ Signature		April 1, 2010 _____ Date	
Walt Norfleet _____ Typed or printed name		617.646.8000 _____ Telephone Number	
NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Total of <u>1</u> forms are submitted.			

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